



PATENT APPLICATION
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. T6425.NP

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

We, Jindrich Kopecek, Russell Stewart, Karin Caldwell, Chung Wang and Chih-Hu Ho declare: that we are citizens of Czech Republic, United States, Sweden, China, and Taiwan, ROC; that our respective post office addresses are 1103 South Alton Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108; ^{2980 S. 1500 E.} ~~1361 East Yale Avenue~~, Salt Lake City, Utah ⁸⁴¹⁰⁶ ~~84105~~; 3645 Garden Hills Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121; ²⁴⁰ ~~434~~ University Village, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108; and 9261 Shad Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah 84093; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled HYDROGELS OF WATER SOLUBLE POLYMERS CROSSLINKED BY PROTEIN DOMAINS, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the application filed June 18, 1999, under Serial No. 09/336,259; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with § 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents, VAUGHN W. NORTH, Registration No. 27,930, M. WAYNE WESTERN, Registration No. 22,788, MICHAEL W. STARKWEATHER, Registration No. 34,441, GARRON M. HOBSON, Registration No. 41,073, WEILI CHENG, Registration No. P-44,609, DAVID R. MCKINNEY, Registration No. 42,868, GARY P. OAKESON, Registration No. 44,266, and DAVID W. OSBORNE, Registration No. P-44,989 all with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 29 day of September, 1999.
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**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I, Arundeeep S. Pradhan, hereby declare: that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCH FOUNDATION, a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under the State of Utah, having a principal place of business at 210 Park Building, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112; and that said corporation qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).

I further declare that all rights, title, and interest relating to the invention entitled HYDROGELS OF WATER SOLUBLE POLYMERS CROSSLINKED BY PROTEINS, invented by JINDRICH KOPECEK et al., as described in the provisional patent application filed on June 19, 1998, and assigned Serial No. 60/089,862, have been conveyed to and currently remain with said corporation.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in the above-mentioned application or any patent issued in respect thereof, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of (1) the issue fee or (2) any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer

appropriate. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Signed at SLL, UT, this 17th day of September 1998.

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